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Dear Colleague,

I am writing about reprints of my series of papers on the Cell-theory. I send these only to those who ask for them. The number I have to buy to satisfy the demand is so great that I am put to considerable expense. Part IV of the series has cost me:-

For the reprints themselves	£23. 1. 2
For envelopes	12. 0
For postage...	<u>1. 10. 4½</u>
	£25. 3. 6½

The total is equivalent to approximately £72.00

Far more of the reprints go to the U.S.A. than to everywhere else (including Great Britain) put together. I think there can be no doubt that the reason for this is that the Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science is not available in most American laboratories. The result is that I must myself shoulder the cost that the laboratories are unwilling to bear.

I think it possible that my American colleagues do not realize that in Great Britain each research-worker ordinarily has to bear the whole cost of buying and circulating reprints. I have been told that this is not so in the U.S.A.

It is with very great regret that I have at last decided that in justice to myself I can no longer bear this expense, and I must ask those who want to read the remaining parts of my Cell-theory series to get hold of the Q.J.M.S. somewhere.

I want to say how highly I have appreciated the interest in my work that has led you to ask for my papers.

Yours sincerely,

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